



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7304

LCO No. 5686



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING COMPUTER EXTORTION BY USE OF
RANSOMWARE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 computer extortion by use of ransomware, when such person (1)
3 introduces ransomware into any computer, computer system or
4 computer network, and (2) demands payment of money or other
5 consideration to remove the ransomware, restore access to the
6 computer, computer system, computer network or data contained on
7 such computer, computer system or computer network, or otherwise
8 remediate the impact of the ransomware.

9 (b) Computer extortion by use of ransomware is a class E felony.

10 (c) For purposes of this section, "ransomware" means any computer
11 contaminant or lock placed or introduced without authorization into a
12 computer, computer system or computer network that restricts access
13 by an authorized person to the computer, computer system, computer
14 network, or any data held by the computer, computer system or

15 computer network, and "computer contaminant" means any set of
16 computer instructions that are designed to modify, damage, destroy,
17 record or transmit data held by a computer, computer system or
18 computer network without the intent or permission of the owner of the
19 data.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish the crime of computer extortion by the use of ransomware.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]